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SUBJECT: FINLAND TO ORDER TWO MORE SOVIET NUCLEAR
POWER PLANTS

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1. PRESS OCT. 11 ANNOUNCED THAT DURING PODGORNYS
FINLAND VISIT BEGINNING OCT. 14, PURPOSES OF WHICH
SEEMED HERETOFORE TO BE TO COMMEMORATE 1944 ARMISTICE,
AND 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF FINNISH-SOVIET SOCIETY
FINLAND AND USSR WILL SIGN LONG-TERM AGREEMENT ON
NUCLEAR ENERGY COOPERATION WHICH WILL INCLUDE FINNISH
PURCHASE OF TWO ADDITIONAL SOVIET NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS
FOR LOVIISA SITE. THIS APPEARS TO CONFIRM POSSIBILITY
FIRST REPORTED IN PARA 6 OF REF B.

2. FINNISH STATE-OWNED COMPANY, IMATRAN VOIMA, WHICH
ORDERED FIRST TWO SOVIET PLANTS, WILL OPERATE NEW
PLANTS. PRIVATE ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY TELLISUUDEN
VOIMA, WHICH HAS SWEDISH-DESIGNED PLANT UNDER CONSTRUC-
TION AT OLKILUOTO, NEAR RAUMA, IS CURRENTLY ENGAGED
IN STENUOUS EFFORT OBTAIN FINAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL TO
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ORDER A SECOND ASEA PLANT. ANNOUNCEMENT REPORTED REF A

WAS APPARENTLY SOMEWHAT PREMATURE, AS GOVERNMENT ALLEGES IT GAVE ONLY PRELIMINARY PERMISSION FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON PURCHASE OF ANOTHER SWEDISH ATOMIC POWER PLANT. SOCIAL DEMOCRATS AMONG OTHERS TRYING ESTABLISH PRINCIPLE THAT ALL NEW ELECTRIC GENERATING CAPACITY SHOULD BE STATE-OWNED.

3. US-FINNISH AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION CONCERNING CIVIL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY SIGNED 4 YEARS AGO REMAINS INACTIVE. HOUSTON

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